

BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SENATE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ~ SJ 30

~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup>, April ~~22~~<sup>23</sup>, 2009  
Place: Capitol

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Room: ~~405~~

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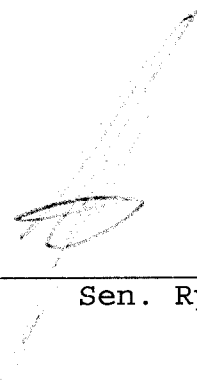
BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

NONE

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT ~ FAILED  
RECONSIDERATION MOTION

COMMENTS:



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Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chairman

MONTANA STATE SENATE  
ROLL CALL  
FREE  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
SJ 30

DATE: April 23, 2009

NAME (7 members)	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Chairman Zinke	✓	
Vice Chair Hunter	✓	
Senator Laslovich		✓
Senator Perry	✓	
Representative Mendenhall	✓	
Representative Beck	✓	
Representative Boland	✓	



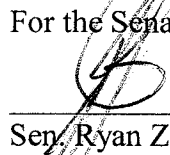
**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**  
**on Senate Joint Resolution 30**  
**Report No. 001, April 23, 2009**

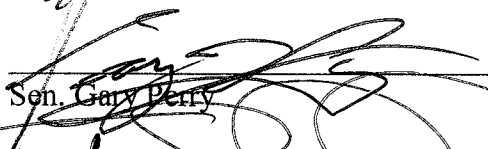
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Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Free Conference Committee met and considered **Senate Joint Resolution 30**  
(reference copy -- salmon) and recommend this Free Conference Committee report be adopted.

For the Senate:


  
Sen. Ryan Zinke Chair

  
Sen. Gary Perry


  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich

  
Amendment Coordinator

For the House:

  
Rep. Chuck Hunter Vice Chair

  
Rep. Bill Beck

  
Rep. Carlie Boland

  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall

And, recommend that **Senate Joint Resolution 30** (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 6.

**Following:** "SYSTEM"

**Insert:** "AND LAWS RELATED TO THE MONTANA STATE FUND"

2. Title, line 7.

**Following:** "DRIVERS"

**ADOPT**  
**REJECT**

**Amendment # SJ 30-001**

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**Insert:** "AND THE MONTANA STATE FUND"

3. Page 1, line 23.

**Following:** "COMPENSATION"

**Insert:** "; and

WHEREAS, a February 2009 Legislative Audit Division report concluded that legal compliance risks faced by the Montana State Fund may be higher because of an internal and external lack of regulatory oversight mechanisms, which is of potential significance because of Montana State Fund's current market dominance of 67% of a market that is shared with private carriers providing workers' compensation insurance, excluding self-insured employers; and

WHEREAS, statutory direction for the Montana State Fund to operate as a self-sustaining business in a manner similar to that of a privately operated mutual insurance business has resulted in the Montana State Fund developing compensation and incentive plans and premium and other performance measures similar to those of private companies"

4. Page 2, line 11.

**Following:** "COMPENSATION"

**Insert:** ";

(6) structural issues in Montana, particularly as they relate to the three-tiered system involving self-insurers, private carriers, and the Montana State Fund"

5. Page 2, following line 23.

**Insert:** "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study examine the operation and structure of the Montana State Fund, the Montana State Fund's relationship with state government and other insurers, and state oversight of the Montana State Fund."

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# MONTANA STATE SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE

## FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date: April 23, 2009

Bill No.: SJ 30

Motion: be amended #1

NAME (7 Members)	AYE	NO	Proxy
Chairman Zinke	✓		
Senator Laslovich	abstain		
Senator Perry	✓		
Vice Chair Hunter		✓	
Representative Mendenhall	✓		
Representative Beck	✓		
Representative Boland		✓	

VOTE: SENATE: Aye: 2 No: 0

HOUSE: Aye: 2 No: 2

*motion fails*

# MONTANA STATE SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE

## FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date: April 23, 2009

Bill No.: SJ 30

Motion: reconsider prev. action

#2

NAME (7 Members)	AYE	NO	Proxy
Chairman Zinke	✓		
Senator Laslovich	abstain	—	
Senator Perry	✓		
Vice Chair Hunter	✓		
Representative Mendenhall	✓		
Representative Beck	✓		
Representative Boland	✓		

VOTE: SENATE: Aye: 2 No: —

HOUSE: Aye: 4 No: —